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## FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business	1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Fifteen "One Minutes"		

\*\*Members are advised that following last votes, the House will begin one hour of general debate on H.R. 4870. After general debate, the House will begin reading H.R. 4870 by paragraph and considering amendments. Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should be prepared to offer it at the appropriate place in the bill and be on the Floor at the appropriate time. Any recorded votes requested on amendments will be postponed until tomorrow.

<u>H.Res. 628</u> – Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 4870 - Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Frelinghuysen – Appropriations) and Motion to go to Conference on Senate Amendments to H.R. 3230 – Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014 (One Hour of Debate).

For H.R. 4870, the Rules Committee has recommended a modified open Rule that allows any amendments that comply with House Rules to be considered. The Rule provides for one hour of general debate, equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations. The Rule allows any Member to submit an amendment that complies with the House Rules, but only provides for 10 minutes of debate per amendment equally divided between the proponent and an opponent, and does not permit unlimited pro forma amendments. Lastly, the Rule provides up to 10 pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate offered by the Chair and Ranking Member or their designee and one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The Rule also includes provisions for the House to concur in the Senate Amendments to H.R. 3230 with its own amendment, as well as a motion that the House insist on its amendment and request a Conference with the Senate.

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendments with a Further Amendment and Motion to go to Conference on Senate Amendments to <u>H.R. 3230</u> – Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014 and **Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees** 

Begin Consideration of H.R. 4870 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Frelinghuysen – Appropriations) (One Hour of Debate). H.R. 4870 appropriates \$491 billion in FY 2015 discretionary budget authority for the Department of Defense – an increase of approximately \$4.1 billion (0.8%) from FY 2014 – plus an additional \$79.4 billion as a placeholder, pending the Administration's request, for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) (\$6 billion below the FY2014 level).

The measure includes a military pay raise of 1.8% (0.8% above the President's request) and continues provisions prohibiting the transfer of Guantanamo detainees to the U.S. It also includes funding for sexual assault prevention and response programs in the military and suicide prevention programs among the Special Operations community.

Republicans are developing this year's spending bills based on the \$1.014 trillion discretionary spending cap and the 302(a) discretionary allocations agreed to in the Bipartisan Budget Agreement. By setting the Appropriations Committee's allocation in-line with the Bipartisan Budget Agreement, House Republicans were able to begin the appropriations process early. House Republicans should use this extra time to ensure that all twelve appropriations bills are enacted before the start of the 2015 fiscal year.

Bill Text for H.R. 4870:

**PDF Version** 

Background for H.R. 4870:

House Report (HTML Version)
House Report (PDF Version)

**TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK** 



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The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, June 19: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to continue consideration of H.R. 4870 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Frelinghuysen – Appropriations).

## **The Daily Quote**

"If we keep playing this game that self deportation is the only answer for the Republican Party, we will have destroyed our chances in 2016 and dealt a death blow to our party because by 2050 the majority of the country is going to be African American, Hispanic and Asian,' he [Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)], said on CBS's 'Face the Nation.'"

- The Hill, 6/15/2014